

## MICHELIN EARNS ‘SUPPLIER OF THE YEAR’ RECOGNITION FROM BOEING

**April 16, 2015** – Michelin Group’s Aircraft Tire Division has been recognized as Supplier of the Year in the Electronics/Hydraulics/Mechanical category by The Boeing Company, the world’s largest aerospace company and leading manufacturer of commercial jetliners and defense, space and security systems.

Michelin was one of 14 companies and one university honored during a ceremony on April 15 in Chantilly, Va. for distinguished performance in working with Boeing. Achieving the Supplier of the Year distinction further acknowledges superior performance and labels this class of winners as the best of the best, according to Boeing. Michelin also received a Boeing Performance Excellence Award.

Frank MOREAU, director of Michelin Group’s Aircraft Tire Division, accepted the Supplier of the Year award on Michelin’s behalf during the awards ceremony. “Our business teams have worked very hard to establish a spirit of mutual partnership with our associates at Boeing, which has resulted in a strong and growing relationship between our companies,” said MOREAU. “As the awards are based on quality, on-time delivery, post-delivery support and affordability goals, and demonstrating the ability to anticipate and respond to changing requirements, we are proud to receive this award.”

Michelin’s partnership with Boeing applies to a large portion of the Boeing product range: the Boeing 737, the world’s best-selling aircraft, the 777, well-known to passengers, and the 787 as well as the military field. Michelin’s radial tires with Near Zero Growth (NZG) technology are designed to provide long, durable tire life and to reduce Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) without compromising on safety.

Since 1995, Boeing has adopted and extended the radial technology originally developed by Michelin for the 777 to all its long-range fleet. The future 787-9 will also be fitted with Michelin NZG new-generation radial tires.

"Our success in 2014 was due in large part to the strong performance of our supply chain," said Kent FISHER, Boeing’s leader for Supplier Management. "We are facing an increasingly competitive landscape across all our businesses. To continue to lead the market we need supplier partners like Michelin who understand the importance of creating a sustainable competitive advantage with products, services and support that meet or exceed the expectations of our customers."

This year’s winners represent an elite group among more than 13,000 active Boeing suppliers in 47 countries around the world. This selection was based on stringent performance criteria for quality, delivery performance, cost environmental initiatives, customer service and technical expertise.

### About Michelin

**Michelin**, the leading tire company, is dedicated to sustainably improving the mobility of goods and people by manufacturing, distributing and marketing tires for every type of vehicle. It also offers innovative business support services, digital mobility services and publishes travel guides, hotel and restaurant guides, maps and road atlases. Headquartered in Clermont-Ferrand, France, Michelin is present in 170 countries, has 112,300 employees and operates 68 production plants in 17 countries. The Group also has a Technology Center, responsible for research and development, with operations in Europe, North America and Asia. ([www.michelin.com](http://www.michelin.com))

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